

Senate Resolution 946

By: Senator Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the Southwest DeKalb High School "Marching Panther" Band; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Southwest DeKalb High School "Marching Panther" Band, currently led by
4 Mr. James Seda, is known nationally for its long tradition of excellence; and

5 WHEREAS, the Marching Panther band was one of two bands from Georgia representing
6 the state at the 117th Rose Parade themed It's Magical, which was held on January 2, 2006,
7 in conjunction with the annual Rose Bowl football tournament; and

8 WHEREAS, this high honor was the culmination of a tremendous amount of hard work on
9 the part of the band members, each of whom was expected to adhere to academic excellence
10 while rehearsing the music and choreography of the parade; and

11 WHEREAS, the Marching Panther Band is a unit of the Southwest DeKalb High School
12 Band, which has a membership of over 320 students and offers many performance options.
13 Along with the marching band, there are two symphonic large ensembles, the SWD Wind
14 Symphony and the SWD Symphonic Band; and

15 WHEREAS, there are also two concert bands, a jazz ensemble, and various small
16 instrumental ensembles; and

17 WHEREAS, the Georgia Music Educators Association has rated the bands and ensembles
18 superior in performance for 15 consecutive years; and

19 WHEREAS, students in the band program consistently place highly and in large numbers in
20 the District IV Honor Bands; and

1 WHEREAS, about 20 percent of honor band participants yearly are from the Southwest
2 DeKalb High School Band Program; and

3 WHEREAS, it is only right and proper that the talent, hard work, and dedication to
4 excellence demonstrated by the members of the Marching Panther Band and other units of
5 the Southwest DeKalb High School Band be recognized and commended.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the Southwest DeKalb
7 High School "Marching Panther" Band as well as the other units of the fabulously successful
8 Southwest DeKalb High School Band are recognized and commended for their long tradition
9 of excellence.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. John Prince, principal of Southwest
12 DeKalb High School, on behalf of the entire band and faculty.